

Harding's Majorities Are Counted in Hundreds of Thousands

Harding, First A Printer, Soon Became Editor

President-Elect Worked Through College, Taught School, Bought Paper, Lost It, but Regained It

Elected to State Senate

Sent to United States Senate by 100,000 Majority, Then to the White House

The twenty-eighth President of the United States comes from that state which now fairly rivals Virginia as the "Mother of Presidents." Ohio falls, indeed, one short of Virginia in the number of Presidents born within her borders, boasting only seven to the Old Dominion's eight. But, on the other hand, she exceeds Virginia by one in the number of Presidents who were her residents and citizens at the time of election, the score standing six to five in her favor.

The latest Ohioan to be elected President, Warren Gamaliel Harding, is a descendant on his father's side of Scots who settled in Pennsylvania in Colonial times, who had to fight for their homes and lives against the Indians and who contributed patriot soldiers to the Revolutionary army. His father, J. P. Harding, is a successful practicing physician. On his mother's side he comes of Dutch stock, including the well known Van Kirk family. His mother before her marriage to Dr. Harding was Miss Phoebe Elizabeth Dickinson, kin to the Dickinson or Dickinson family, which has greatly figured in the history of New York and New Jersey. Of such ancestry and parentage he was born on November 2, 1885, at the village of Corsica, on Blooming Grove, Morrow County, Ohio.

His childhood was spent on the farm where his father cultivated in addition to practicing his profession, and until he was fourteen years old he attended the little red schoolhouse of the village. Then he went to the Ohio Central College, at Iberia, an institution now defunct, and was graduated from it in 1892. Most of his expenses in college were paid with the earnings of his own hand, and he worked on the farm, worked on grading the roadbed of a new railway and painted barns. Also he worked in the office of the village school, and in his last year in college he taught a village school and played a horn in the local brass band.

Harding Enters Newspaper Work His work in the village printing office and on the college paper gave him his bent for the profession which he adopted on leaving college. The family in 1884 removed to Marion, Ohio, where, with the assistance of his father, the young man became half owner of the Daily Star of that place, and assumed the editorship of it.

But his career in that capacity was brief, and he left the paper only ten days when the Blaine campaign convention opened in Chicago. Harding found a pass trip book in the office. He showed himself to Blaine, then he showed it to the printer, and the boy that "kicked" the press to get out the paper and hurriedly departed for Chicago. When he got back to Marion the printer had taken the book.

Harding then turned to reporting on The Marion Mirror, a Democratic paper, for \$1 a week. He was the only reporter on the paper and was making good. The paper was a weekly, and when one day his Democratic boss directed him to write editorials against Blaine, Harding refused, and to show his contempt wrote his tall brown Blaine hat to work. He flouted it about the office and in the streets. Next thing he knew he was "fired." With unabated zest he continued to "whoop Blaine up" for many days all that he had. When the tension was over he was broke and blue.

The night the Democrats jollified Harding played in the town band. In the band was "Jack" Warwick, now a newspaperman on the Toledo Blade. Warwick and Harding that night borrowed enough money to buy The Star. Warwick soon grew disheartened and became a salaried man on the paper, while Harding worried about ever-increasing debts and the shadow of the Sheriff. But Marion grew and so did The Star, and in time it became a prosperous and powerful paper. In all the years of Mr. Harding's ownership of it it has never suffered a strike or even the threat of one.

First Venture in Politics As a journalist Mr. Harding took an intense interest in politics, but it was many years before he ran for office. Finally, in 1900, he accepted the nomination for the State Senate. He was elected, and served four years. Then, in 1904-'05, he was Lieutenant Governor of the state. In 1910 he was the Republican candidate for Governor, but through dissensions in the party suffered defeat at the polls.

His popularity with the people of the state continually increased, however, and he soon began to be talked of as a Presidential candidate. His great popularity was shown in 1914, when he was elected United States Senator by a majority of more than 100,000, running 73,000 ahead of the next highest man on the ticket.

In the Senate he was made a member of the Committee on Foreign Relations, which, because of the war, was

one of the most important of all. He was an earnest supporter of President Wilson's Administration in the prosecution of the war, and later criticized it severely.

Just before we entered the war a Democratic Senator asked him what sort of plight he thought the country would be in if Roosevelt were President.

"If Theodore Roosevelt had been President," replied Mr. Harding, "the Lusitania would never have been sunk and we should to-day be living under the guarantee of peace rather than trembling on the verge of war."

Later he introduced into the Senate an amendment to a bill which, if adopted, would have permitted Colonel Roosevelt to organize a division of volunteers and lead it to France.

Prompt Peace-Making Urged At the end of the war Senator Harding was an advocate of prompt peace-making, and of some legitimate cooperation among the nations of the world which would lessen if not wholly avert the danger of further wars. But he was opposed to the adoption of the covenant of the League of Nations with-out effecting reservations. In urging the adoption of such reservations he said in the Senate in September last: "International arbitration and a world court for justiciable disputes appear to all who think justly to be sustained in reason rather than in armed disputes. The establishment of an agency for the revelation of the moral judgment of the world can never be done. These things might well have come out of the combined consciences of the nations awakened to new ideas amid the sufferings of war, and they will yet come. But it does not require a super-government to effect them nor the surrender of nationality and independence of action to sanction them."

Campaign for the Presidency Senator Harding was early recognized as one of the foremost candidates for the Republican nomination for the presidency this year, and when the convention met he was among the three or four favorites. On the first ballot, he received only 650 votes, and did not rise to third place until the seventh, when he had 105 votes. On the eighth he rose to 133 1/2; on the ninth he received much of the support that had been given to Governor Lowden, and got 574 1/2; and on the tenth he was nominated, with 692 1-5, a choice which was at once made unanimous. During the campaign he remained most of the time at home, receiving multitudes of visitors and making frequent addresses from the porch of his home. He made a notable trip to the Northwest, going into Minnesota, and another southward and eastward, especially visiting Kentucky, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York State.

His Domestic Life Senator and Mrs. Harding live in a pretty home on Mount Vernon Avenue, Marion, Ohio. The furnishings of the house are rich and tasteful, but there is no sign of gaudiness. Many little things have been picked up in Europe and are used as decorations in Mr. Harding's "den." Books are everywhere to be found—in the library and out of the library.

Their marriage, which occurred in their early life, was the culmination of a pretty romance. Miss Florence Kling was the daughter of Amos H. Kling, one of the foremost and richest business men of Marion, and related that when she was born her father was disappointed because she was not a boy, and consoled himself by bringing her up more as a boy than a girl. She was fond of horses, dogs and outdoor life, and took much interest in her father's business. In her early teens, when she had to leave school, on account of threatened loss of eyesight, she became her father's chief director and helper, and took much interest in her father's business. In her early teens, when she had to leave school, on account of threatened loss of eyesight, she became her father's chief director and helper, and took much interest in her father's business.

Miss Kling was popular and attractive, and was much sought in society and by marriageable young men. Naturally, her parents were ambitious for her to make the brilliant match which she deserved. But she had notions of her own on the subject, and made up her mind that she herself was to be the judge of her future husband's worth. One evening at a social gathering she met one whom she thought would measure up to the standard; a young man named William G. Harding, and her father kept his word. So the Hardings had to begin married life in humble quarters, at which some of the bride's friends raised supercilious eyebrows. But she simply made up her mind all the more firmly that she was right and that she would one day show them all what sort of man she had married. And she did.

Three Killed in Rail Crash AUBURN, Nov. 2.—Two engineers and a brakeman were killed in this city today in a head-on collision of freight cars in the Lehigh Valley Railroad yards. They were James W. Toole, William M. Tuell and William J. Schultz.

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Old Employees First to Greet Next President

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men have played important roles in this campaign. Another who sat with the Hardings was Harry M. Daugherty, of Columbus, closest of the political advisers of Senator Harding, and the man who more than any other individual placed him in the position that made his nomination possible in the Republican convention at Chicago on June 12, last.

Fifty-five pink candles were glowing on a birthday cake in the dining room of 389 Mount Vernon Avenue to-night when a blare of tin horns caused Mrs. Harding to pause as she was about to cut a thick wedge from the confection. The din was a summons to Senator Harding to make his first front porch speech as President-elect.

The Senator went out on the porch bareheaded. He had no idea, he was going to make a speech. He had no idea, in fact, who his noisy callers were. When he came to the edge of the steps, he saw that the visitors were some forty of the employees of his newspaper, the Marion Star. Showing one hand in his trousers pocket as a partial defense against the raw chill of the night, the editor of the Star called out greetings:

"Hello, Miller," and "well, well, Bertie" and "Howdy, haven't seen much of you this summer."

One of the women holding an open box of chrysanthemums whispered to the Senator that they were saying a birthday call. Then all of them mounted the steps to the porch. Mrs. Harding came out, a crimson sweater across her shoulders and held together with one hand at her throat. A tall, thin man, a printer, began to read a presentation speech. He was acting for a long-whiskered man with steel frame spectacles who stood beside him holding a pasteboard jewelry box in one hand.

Then abruptly the presentation speech was finished. The whiskered man—it was Luther Miller, seventy-six years old and a Star printer for six years—shoved the little box into the Senator's hand. The Senator held it a minute. He appeared to be having some difficulty with his throat and eyes.

"Open it," directed one of the printers in a hoarse voice. The Senator did so, and found a gold make-up rule, a small tool, usually of steel, that is employed in adjusting type in forms.

"Few members of the Star," began the editor, "you and I have been associated together for a great many years. I know you and you know I wouldn't cheat you."

There the boss of The Star stopped. There could be no mistake about the tears in his eyes or the break in his speech.

Promises Fair Dealing "I am coming into very great responsibility if the election returns are interpreted right. I don't know if I can meet them adequately. I know one thing: I can meet them with the same justice and fairness with which I have dealt with you."

Somewhat "W. G." didn't seem much of an orator to-night. He paused again, his lips twitching nervously, and then went on: "L. J., my old friend, Miller—"

Miller's whiskers are more than a foot long and gray. This evening, he began to wag absurdly. The printer was on the verge of tears, but not quite. It wasn't his birthday.

"The oldest employee on this Star," continued the editor, "We've been together thirty-six years. Sometimes the road was thorny. Sometimes I've known him to draw his pay and I'd have to borrow it from my pocket."

Other times I borrowed Miller's pay back from him in the morning. "Some one else was trifling. It was Mrs. Harding. She was the circulation manager of The Star in those stormy days."

"I'm just a plain fellow, but if I've been on the square with you I wouldn't cheat you. I'm going to be on the square with everybody."

"Somewhat this has touched me," again the editor had to pause.

Standing in the doorway were a couple of the Harding dinner guests, Colonel F. E. Scooby, of Texas, who used to be Sheriff of Marion County and is now a member of the Senate, and Warren Harding's pal, and Jess Smith, of Washington Court House, Ohio, a sort of political astral body of Harry Daugherty. Both of them were using napkins to mop their eyes.

"I thank you for your call," continued the Senator. "I just want to say that my happiest moments always have and always will be those in the

New First Lady of the Land



Mrs. Warren G. Harding

composing room of the Star, just before the presses began to rumble." The editor of the Star began to shake hands with his callers, again assuring them that on Thursday he was coming down once more to put the paper to bed.

Then Mrs. Harding was presented with the box of chrysanthemums and made her initial appearance as a front-porch speaker.

"I thank you very much," said the new first lady of the land. "You have made me very homesick for the old days when I worked each day in the Star office. Thank you, thank you."

The Republican Presidential candidate, Senator Harding, left instructions whether for the office of village constable or the highest place in the land. Recognizing that propriety of politics, Senator Harding left instructions last night that he be called early, but in addition to being election day, this is also the fifty-fifth birthday anniversary of the Senator, as attested by the clerk in a very short space of time, and soon Mrs. Harding was there with hers.

So the oldest male voter registered from 389 Mount Vernon Avenue slept until the tantalizing odor of waffles and chipped beef was conveyed on their own steam into his bedroom. It wasn't so very long afterward that the Senator and Mrs. Harding left the house and were driven to the polling place of Ward 2, Precinct C.

This is a brick garage that serves the Schroeder and Huber families, among the wealthiest in Marion. Friends of the candidate, camera men, newspaper correspondents and other voters, who grouped about when the Senator arrived. On this occasion Frank Blackston, who drives the Harding auto just as fast as Mrs. Harding cares to go, was as important as the Senator himself, and entered the structure along with his employers and George B. Christian Jr., the Senator's secretary. Inside five canvases contained polling booths were ranged along one wall. A dozen voters, most of them women, were in line. All endeavored to give their places to the Hardings, but the offer was declined with thanks.

In front of Mrs. Harding was Sam Williams, a former policeman, in overalls. Behind Mrs. Harding was the Senator, then Christian, and finally the chauffeur. It was then 10:15. In response to requests from the camera men, the Senator took off his hat, talked and was generally docile and good humored. There were twelve minutes of this and then Mrs. Harding received ballot 303 and the Senator 304. "For goodness sake!" exclaimed Mrs.

Harding, "do I get all these?" The clerk had placed in her hands six ballots, national, state, county, Congressional and two on sewer bond issues. The candidate examined his handful and said:

"Well, it seems a man only gets a chance to vote once for himself for President."

"You're going to get two chances," spoke up one of the women voters standing by. Pat Kelly, judge of the voting in Precinct C, is a lifelong Democrat and a friend of Senator Harding. He was almost bursting with pride as he drew back the curtain for the Republican candidate to enter a booth and called out:

"Warren G. Harding, registered No. 192." The curtain dropped, concealing all of the candidate except about a foot of his blue trousers. In the next booth was Mrs. Harding.

If Senator Harding voted anything but straight tickets he worked fast, for he was outside handing his ballots to the clerk in a very short space of time, and soon Mrs. Harding was there with hers.

There was only in the birthday anniversary of the President-elect. He was beaten one up by Col. F. E. Scooby and Carl Burr, a Columbus lawyer.

The streets of Marion were thronged to-night, but the crowds in response to a suggestion from the Marion Civic Association, left the cause of it all pretty much in peace. The town is going to celebrate Thursday. Then there will be a parade from the business part of the city to the Harding home and a speech from the next President from that best of all stages, his front porch.

One of the most gratifying features of the return to-night, in the estimation of Senator and Mrs. Harding, was the result in the Senator's home district, Precinct C of Ward Four. The Senator received 393 votes to 76 for Governor Cox.

Rest in Texas Next Move in Harding Plans

President-Elect to Go to Point Isabel for Two Weeks as Guest of Col. Scooby, Lifelong Friend

Will Visit Panama Next

Senators Frelinghuysen, Hale and Elkins Will Be Among Those in Party

From a Staff Correspondent MARION, Ohio, Nov. 2.—President-elect Warren G. Harding is planning to leave Marion with Mrs. Harding and a trainload of "buddies" either Friday night or Saturday morning for Point Isabel, Tex. That is as far as he can get from the front porch and still remain within the borders of the United States.

But it isn't far enough, and after about two weeks in that region of dengue fever, rattlesnakes, scorpions, tarantulas, hot tamales and armadillos, but which is nevertheless uninfected with Republican office-seekers, the President-elect will take his playmates to New Orleans and sail from there for the Panama Canal zone.

All through the campaign, when people have observed the Senator in deep thought and have wondered just what article of the League of Nations he was frowning upon, it is more than likely he has been thinking about Point Isabel and the things his pal, Colonel F. E. Scooby, now of San Antonio, formerly Sheriff of Marion County, Ohio, has told him about that Gulf resort with its superb tarpon fishing, its 150 Mexican inhabitants and 100 whites. The Senator promised Scooby the night he was nominated in Chicago that he would go to Point Isabel, and to make the promise more binding he said he would go, win or lose.

Has No Axes to Grind This Colonel Scooby may be from Texas, but he is not to be classified with a deep rumble starts when he laughs, highly polished boots and finishes by shaking his double chin and knitting his bushy gray brows. He never says "Don't quote me," he just takes it for granted he won't be quoted. All he wants from Senator Harding is to be allowed to feel that neither politics nor high office has altered the close friendship that has existed between them in all the years since young Warren Harding first came to Marion. Scooby declares that all the State of Texas will endorse him.

Three members of the United States Senate are going to be aboard the special train that takes the President-elect to Point Isabel. Even Governor Cox would concede that they do not represent the State of Ohio. They, with Senator Harding, have formed one of the happiest golf foursomes that ever teed off. There are Senator Joseph Frelinghuysen of New Jersey, Senator Charles McNary of Maine and Senator Davis Elkins of West Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. McLean, of Washington and Cincinnati (Mr. McLean is the publisher of the Washington Post and Cincinnati Enquirer), also are going, as are Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Jennings, of Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Jennings was formerly associated with Senator Harding in the publication of the Marion Star. Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Sawyer, who have accompanied the Hardings on all the speaking trips of the campaign, will be in the party, so will George B. Christian Jr., the President-elect's secretary, and some secret service men, who have just been assigned to the duty of guarding the next President from

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harm, and about a dozen newspaper correspondents.

Senator Harding wants to go to Panama primarily to get some first hand information about that possession of the United States. He is pledged to see that the new American merchant marine will be given the privilege of passing through the canal without paying tolls, and for that reason alone he is anxious to see the man-made link between the Atlantic and the Pacific, which is going to figure largely in the debates in Congress and in diplomatic exchanges between Great Britain and the United States during the next few years.

It is planned to return to the United States in time for Senator Harding to deliver an address on December 6 at the Elks Home at Bedford, Va. The President-elect Harding will resign his R. P. O. E. and made this engagement many months ago.

There will be no announcement of Cabinet appointments on this trip nor in Washington. The headquarters of the President-elect will be in Marion. He plans to protect the slender Republican majority in the Senate between now and the first of the year by

a J. F. Davis, the Republican candidate for Governor of Ohio, and Frank B. Willis, the Republican candidate for Senator to succeed Harding, are elected President-elect Harding will resign his Senate seat about January 13, when Governor Cox's term expires, and Davis will then appoint Willis to fill out

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Harding's unexpired term. This arrangement will permit the establishment of headquarters in Marion until the President-elect starts for Washington, and the inauguration ceremonies just before the 4th of next March. The unprecedented opportunity for a Senator to make a speech from the floor of that body as President-elect probably will be used if Senator Harding listens to the urgings of his friends in the Senate. This probably will be arranged during the brief stay of the Hardings in Washington during the short session of Congress that begins December 2. The Hardings desire to sell their home in Washington and this necessitates a trip to the capital, which probably will be made about the time the Senator speaks at Bedford, Va.

From that time until his inauguration the President-elect plans to remain at his home in Marion.

Girl Scouts Give Aid In Election Accidents Assist at the Polling Places and Watch Children While Parents Vote

An army of Girl Scouts was assigned to ambulance duty at Knickerbocker and other hospitals yesterday to act as reinforcements against Election Day accidents. For the first time in the city's history, every ambulance that left a hospital carried a Girl Scout.

Equipped with kit and canteen, their orders were to render first aid in washing wounds, bandaging, and the handling of instruments.

Violet Bulcome, called the Golden Ensign of the Bronx, was the first to respond to accident duty.

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